

Shipping

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship *Agave*, Captain **HALL**, will be despatched for the above Port **TO-MORROW**, the 5th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 220

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship *Zafra*, Captain **CONRAD**, will be despatched for the above Port on **MONDAY**, the 6th Inst., at 5 p.m. This Steamer has superior Accommoda-

Passengers. Light or Passage, n

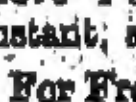
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 3, 1893. 21

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY
(Calling at COLOMBO, if sufficient
inducement offers.)


The P. & O. S. N. Co.
Steamship
"Leeward"
Captain F. J. COLE, will
leave for the above places at noon on
TUESDAY, the 7th Instant.
For Freight, apply to
H. H. JOSEPH,
Superintendent,
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, February 1, 1893. 20


NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
FOR TAKOW (DIRECT.)
The Co.'s Steamship

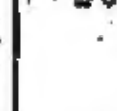

Capt. J. B. MACDONALD
above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 8
Instant, at 4 p.m.
For Freight, apply to
GEO. K. STEVENS,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 8, 1893.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
The Steamship
"Argonaut,"
Capt. H. SIMCOCK,
will be despatched as above
on or about THURSDAY, the 9th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARRELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 1, 1893.

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.
**FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.**
The Steamship


 Capt. GOLDING, will be dispatched as above or about **THURSDAY**, the 9th instant.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
BODWELL, CARROLL & Co.
 Agents,
 Hongkong, February 1, 1893.

GLLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS
FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON
VIA SUEZ CANAL.
 The Steamship

Glenlynn,
 Captain K. Y. GARDNER, will be dispatched
 above on or about **THURSDAY**, the
 5th inst. or **FRIDAY**, the 6th
 inst. or **FRIDAY**, the 6th inst.
 This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
 Agents,
 Hongkong, January 28, 1893.

UNION LINE.
FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA
 The Steamship

S. Asaph,
 Captain WOOD, will be dispatched for the above Ports on or about **SATURDAY**, the 13th inst. or **SUNDAY**, the 14th inst.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
 Agents,
 Hongkong, January 28, 1893.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.
Agents,
Hongkong, February 3, 1893.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR SINGAPORE, HAYRE, LONDON
HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

The Steamship
"Esmeralda,"
Captain CORME, will
be despatched as above
on about the 22nd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, GARRELL & Co.
Agents,
Hongkong, February 3, 1893.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The *Ade American* Barque
"John Bailey,"
Master, will
start for the above Port, and
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.
Hongkong, January 11, 1893.

THE PUBLICATION OF THIS

7.50 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1893.

THE 'Volunteer' movement' moves with slowness 'which must be discouraging to those ardent and patriotic souls who hoped to see the force of citizen soldiers worthy of the colony' enrolled before the first month of 1893 had run its course. The 'modest total' of one hundred and twenty men, they hoped yet obtained, and the time appointed by His Excellency the Governor for the enrolment of that number has passed. The Enrolment Committee, however, state that 'the movement is progressing satisfactorily,' and the time for closing

one of the current month. If the required number is obtained then, the Legislative Council will be asked to approve of a vote for the establishment and maintenance of the Corps. It will be a pity if the scheme now submitted is not carried out, but we must confess that a failure would not surprise us greatly. When the larger scheme proposed by the Committee specially appointed to write the subject was submitted recently, we found occasion to express a note of better hope, for the scheme could be raised, not to two hundred men as in Hongkong. Subsequently we have shown pretty clearly that we did not underestimate the strength of the volunteering feeling in the colony: perhaps the very fact that the regular military element in this community is so large is one reason why there should be

great or widespread desire on the part of the civil population to demonstrate their patriotism and martial ardour by joining a Volunteer Corps. The largest corps that could be raised could appear insignificant in comparison with the regulars; and however many they might be in a time of emergency, they can be no doubt that the men who would be shown to be fit for the work of the "Citizen's Army" is concerned. Thomas Aldridge would, as a rule, have the advantage of the citizen soldier. It may be that consciousness of these facts led to the suggestion that a company of volunteers should be formed, consisting of gentlemen who should not be subject to the inconveniences of unnecessary drills and inspections nor submit to the absurdity of wearing uniform in time of peace. There is a certain ingenueness about this suggestion which is interesting and amusing, but it is very unmilitary. Apart from this altogether, it is, of course, obvious that volunteering here cannot be so attractive as it is at some, nor are there any volunteers

opportunities for drills and outings and sports. Shanghai is sometimes criticised as setting Hongkong an example in this, as it is supposed to do in other respects. But the circumstances of the two places, from a volunteer point of view, are entirely different. In Shanghai there is no prison and a volunteer force is an absolute necessity for the security of lives and property of the foreign community. This necessity is fully recognised and volunteering is looked on as a matter of public duty. Here, we can hardly be said that there is any actual necessity for volunteering. There is a large garrison, for which the State pays handsomely, and the community may be excused for a feeling of apathy on the subject of raising a volunteer force, which, at the best, would be a comparatively insignificant addition to any defensive operations in the event of an actual war; and which would serve only to swell the ranks

tion of the boys, or any other of the boys' bureau, and in it in the shape of a military distribution. In view of these somewhat discouraging circumstances it is difficult to understand why Volunteer Enrolment Committees to arms should not meet with general and enthusiastic response from the eligible members of the Corps. The Artillery Corps, which we have often said, is worthy all the encouragement that can be sent to it—inasmuch, as it has shown itself capable of doing very good work—has raised to the required number, the difficulty in getting recruits being, as we have said, the same as with the Maxim Gun Corps, there being very few men enrolled to form one of two companies which it was proposed to raise. Whether the Committee will succeed in getting together the second

phany is a question in regard to which we do not care to prophesy. At present, the enemy who, for some other unexplained reason, is expecting us to endeavour to effect a landing on the south coast of this island, and, instead of coming comfortably to meet Foulard's wharf, will not be hurried into the sea by a force of gentlemen who have an aversion to drilla inspections and to the wearing of uniform in time of peace. The enemy thus escape a humiliation which might possibly be expected to drive them to flight.

TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL,']

(Via Southern Line).

THE EGYPTIAN QUESTION.

SINGAPORE, February 3.

Davells speaking in the French Chamber of Deputies, said that the interests of Turkey and of the demand the upholding of the Khedon's domination over the Suez Canal and Nile, and that an indefinite occupation of Egypt might lead to conflicts in Europe.

DESTRUCTION OF THE SIBERIAN

RAILWAY.
Czar is personally pressing for the
completion of the Siberian Railway.
MISSING CITY OF PEKING.
A telegram has been sent out from S. Fran-
cisco in search of the missing steamer City
of Peking.

